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application.

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (Twice Amended) A method for evaluating the ability of an agent to inhibit binding of human ERAB polypeptide to amyloid-beta peptide which comprises:
- (a) incubating human ERAB polypeptide, the agent and amyloid-beta peptide under suitable binding conditions;
  - (b) determining the amount of amyloid-beta peptide bound to human ERAB polypeptide from the incubate of (a); and
  - (c) comparing the amount of bound amyloid-beta peptide determined in step (b) with an amount of amyloid-beta peptide bound to human ERAB polypeptide determined in the absence of the agent, wherein when the amount of amyloid-beta peptide bound to human ERAB polypeptide is decreased in the presence of said agent, the ability of the agent to inhibit binding of human ERAB polypeptide to amyloid-beta peptide is determined.

Please add new claims 27-30 as follows: